

Comments on the 2018 CA Water Plan

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To whom it may concern,

I realize that it is the last day within the short 30-day comment period and thought that email (vs. mail) would be the fastest way to have my voice heard. Please confirm that you have received my email.

I serve as the District 5 Board of Supervisor and take great pride in representing the rural foothill and mountain communities in the heart of the Sierra. For this reason, it is my duty to express the importance of the upper watershed in the larger CA Water Plan discussions.

I recognize that this plan reflects the 2018 year and it is my guess that in many ways, the department is having to play a bit of catch up. It has been a busy few years to say the least. That said, I would like to encourage you to consider my comments when preparing for the next update. In 2013, the mountain communities (for the first time) had their voices heard and as such the 2013 plan benefited greatly. It is unfortunate that the same, in-depth outreach, did not occur for the 2018 plan.

Please DO NOT move forward with the next update with out a clear outreach strategy for the mountain and foothill communities. I have had the honor of sitting on the Sierra Nevada Conservancy board for many year and understand the true gold (water) that our Sierra communities hold for the rest of the state. It is time the the area of the state that serves all down stream users be not just included but prioritized. Worth and inclusion should not be judge by population but by ecosystem services.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Supervisor Tom Wheeler
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Sent from my iPad